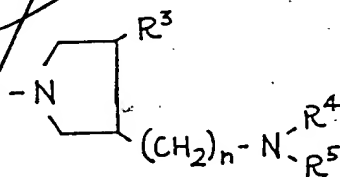


wherein R indicates a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group, R<sup>1</sup> indicates a lower alkyl group, R<sup>2</sup> indicates a hydrogen atom, amino group or nitro group, X indicates a halogen atom, and Z indicates a halogen atom, piperazino group, N-methylpiperazino group, 3-methylpiperazino group, 3-hydroxypyrrolidino group, or pyrrolidino group of the following formula,



(here, n is 0 or 1, R<sup>3</sup> indicates a hydrogen atom or lower alkyl group, R<sup>4</sup> indicates a hydrogen atom, lower alkyl group and R<sup>5</sup> indicates a hydrogen atom, lower alkyl group, acyl group or alkoxycarbonyl group), the hydrates and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are useful as antibacterial agents.--

# IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend Claim 1 and add new Claims 8-20.

--1. (Amended) 8-Alkoxyquinolonecarboxylic acid derivatives represented by a general formula (I);

Sub C1  
A1